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**PSC TO CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARINGS IN AUGUST
ON REGULATION OF WIRELESS TELEPHONE COMPANIES**

LINCOLN – A series of seven public meetings will be held across the state beginning August 10th to examine the propriety and feasibility of regulating wireless telecommunications carriers.

Legislative Resolutions LR 264 and LR 309 directed the Legislature's Transportation and Telecommunications Committee to conduct an interim study on wireless regulation. LR 309 calls for input from the Public Service Commission. The Commission will hold a series of public meetings throughout the state. Issues to be addressed during these public meetings will include billing practices of wireless carriers; advertising, including special promotions; service contracts and product information; service quality; and the impact of number portability by wireless carriers on the need for regulation.

The public meeting dates, locations, and times are as follows:

- August 10th, Westside Community Conference Center, Room Keystone 5, 3534 South 108th (108th and Grover), Omaha, at 7:00 p.m.
- August 12th, Nebraska Public Service Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, at 6:00 p.m.
- August 17th, McKinley Education Center, Room 1, 301 West F Street, North Platte, at 9:00 a.m.
- August 17th, City Hall Council Chambers, City Hall 302 West Fifth Street, McCook, at 7:00 p.m.
- August 19th, City Hall Council Chambers, City Hall 400 East Military, Fremont, at 7:00 p.m.
- August 25th, City Hall Council Chambers, City Hall 100 East First Street, Grand Island, at 9:00 a.m.

- August 25th, City Hall Council Chambers, City Hall 309 Madison Avenue, Norfolk, at 7 p.m.

“The meetings have been scheduled in several parts of the state to encourage the public to participate,” Commission Chairman Gerald L. Vap of McCook said. In addition to the seven meetings, the Commission also will accept written comments on wireless issues with a deadline of August 31st.

The Commission will then hold a public hearing on September 20th at its Lincoln offices at 2:00 p.m. to review written and emailed comments and discuss the comments received during the public meetings.

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